

REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2012, AT 4.23 PM.

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Davis (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Bolger, Dixon, Gover, D Grant, P Grant, Highsted, Redhead, Sharp and Watt.

IN ATTENDANCE The General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roding Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Communications Co-ordinator (Mrs Sonia Gerken), Senior Asset Management Officer (Ms Sarah Dowling), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan) and one member of the public in the gallery.

APOLOGY The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry) apologised for absence.

Cr Davis called for any conflicts of interest. None were received.

1. FAILURE OF WATER MAINS IN GORE URBAN SUPPLY (8.17.2)

A memo had been received from the Senior Asset Management Officer reporting on the failure of water mains within the Gore urban water supply during August.

In response to Cr Davis, the General Manager, District Assets said questions had been raised at the August Operations Committee meeting, however the timeframe had been too short to enable a report to be included in that agenda.

Cr Dixon asked that in future care be taken not to put too much spoil on top of a laid pipe.

In response to Cr Davis, the General Manager said it was not a recommended practice to do that. It was difficult to know if the spoil had anything to do with the damaged pipes, but staff were careful about where they placed spoil.

In response to Cr P Grant, the Senior Asset Management Officer said a general water main pipe was laid about 900mm deep in the ground and a rising main was laid about 1.2 metres deep.

The General Manager said the ground in question was on the side of the road, not compacted ground. It could not be said that the machines that replaced the spoil did not cause the pipe to break. However it also could not be said that it did cause it to break. A clean up had been undertaken prior to the spoil being replaced.

In response to Cr D Grant asking when the second rising main pipe from Jacobstown to Hilbre Ave would be investigated to see if it could be used when necessary, the Officer said valves had been switched the previous day. A further report would be provided at the next Operations Committee meeting.

Cr Davis said the report was very comprehensive and detailed quite clearly what had happened.

In response to Cr Redhead, the General Manager said he would convey the Council's thanks to Delta and Fulton Hogan for offering to provide an excavator to uncover the damaged rising main.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Dixon, THAT the report be received.

2. WASTE OIL DISPOSAL AT GORE TRANSFER STATION (10.17.1)

The Committee perused a report from the Senior Asset Management Officer.

In response to Cr Davis, the General Manager said the report provided a good solution for dealing with waste oil collection free of charge.

In response to Cr Watt asking why the maximum amount of oil to be disposed of at one time was only 10 litres, the General Manager said it was to discourage commercial operators of putting large amounts of oil into the facility.

In response to Cr Davis, the General Manager said he thought 10 litres was a good amount to separate the at home oil change and a commercial operator. A large vehicle would change about eight litres, so 10 had been a good limit.

Cr Beale thought 20 litres might be more a more practical limit, when changing oil.

Cr Watt thought 10 litres was unduly restricting.

Cr Sharp suggested the waste oil could be tendered.

The General Manager said anyone tendering would require the appropriate equipment to take away the waste oil. The Council had a basic agreement with a Company to take it away, as the tank needed to be kept empty. He was open minded and wondered what it would be used for.

Cr Davis suggested a trial period could be carried out.

Cr Dixon said regardless of whether the oil was paid for or not, the correct equipment would be necessary.

Cr Highsted said he thought those conditions would be included in the tender documents.

The General Manager said the tender costs could outweigh advertising and the costs of checking equipment.

Cr Beale said it would be prudent to review in a year's time as it was not yet known what volume of oil would be collected. A tenderer would want a reliable source.

Cr Sharp said that would be the tenderer's problem.

Cr Watt said there were two issues. It had been estimated it would cost \$330 to remove 1000 litres of the oil, an energy source. Energy sources were becoming more valuable. Tendering was a fair way for the Council to determine a cost, without favouring any parties.

Cr Redhead said it took time to change the culture in a community. People needed time to get used to utilising the facility before a quantity could be known.

Cr Highsted thought the meeting was in danger of encroaching on management territory. He suggested senior staff manage the situation for an appropriate time and wait perhaps six months before looking at a tendering process.

The General Manager suggested the Council request feedback on how the facility was going in six months time. The real priority was to ensure oil was disposed of correctly.

His Worship thought a known quantity of waste oil collected would be required before tendering.

Cr D Grant said people could put flammable material into the tank at the transfer station. He could envisage a health and safety hazard.

The General Manager said a tank would be put in an appropriate place. He had carried out some research and the same method was used in other areas. However, it was a relevant point.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Redhead, THAT the information be received,

THAT a bunded 1000 litre tank be installed at the Gore transfer station and that arrangements be made for the waste oil removal free of charge,

AND THAT residents be permitted to dispose of waste oil from containers of no more than than 20 litres at the Gore transfer station free of charge.

3. REPORT FROM ROADING MANAGER (2.1.7)

The Committee perused the report from the Roading Manager.

In response to Cr Dixon, the Manager said slot crossing cleanings were programmed to be carried out shortly.

In response to Cr Davis, the Manager advised that line marking had commenced around the town streets and would progress intermittently over the coming weeks.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the report be received.

4. STREETSCAPE ALTERATION – 18B ECCLES STREET (3.32)

A report had been received from the Roading Manager following a request for an alteration to the streetscape layout at 18B Eccles Street, Gore.

An aerial photograph of 18B Eccles Street and neighbouring properties was tabled at the meeting.

The Manager said the original request was for a gravel surface to replace the grass outside the property. In accordance with Streetscape Strategy, that was not acceptable. It had been recommended to the owner of the property that she could replace the grass with concrete or asphalt at the owner's cost.

In response to Cr Beale, the Manager said the function of Pomona Street was quite different to that of Eccles Street as Eccles Street had a much higher pedestrian usage due to facilities such as the scout hall, hospital and medical centre being in that area. Eccles Street was a major route for people on mobility scooters.

Cr D Grant suggested the applicant could consult the owners of 16B Eccles Street to see what they wished to do with the frontage of their new property.

The Manager said the Council could suggest that to the applicant if it was in support of the applicant's request.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Watt, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the report be received,

AND THAT the Council approve the replacement of the existing grass verge on the street frontage of 18B Eccles Street with the construction being wholly at the applicant's cost.

5. REPORTS FROM ANIMAL CONTRACTOR FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2012 (34.4.1)

The Committee perused the August and September reports from the Animal Control Contractor.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of His Worship, seconded by Cr Bolger, THAT the reports be received.

The meeting closed at 4.56pm.